

**A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project  
TR010062**

**4.4 Consultation Report  
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(EIA Regulations) 2017  
Regulation 8(1)(b) Notification of EIA  
development,  
Regulation 10 Application for a  
scoping opinion and  
Regulation 11 Notification of list of  
regulation consultation bodies**

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Annex D relates to Chapter 5: Statutory consultation approach, of the Consultation Report.

## 1 Letter requesting a scoping opinion



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11 June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project ("the Development")  
The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 –  
Regulation 10(1) Application for a Scoping Opinion and Regulation 8(1)(b) Notification**

I write with reference to the above Development, for which we intend to apply for development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

With reference to Regulation 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations 2017"), I write to apply for a scoping opinion from the Secretary of State in respect of the Development. I also confirm that Highways England proposes to submit an environmental statement in respect of the Development for the purposes of Regulation 8(1)(b).

Please find attached the information required under Regulation 10(3) of the EIA Regulations 2017 and Section 7 of Advice Note Seven (Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, Preliminary Environmental Information and Environmental Statements), namely:

- the Environmental Scoping Report which includes at Chapter 2 a description of the proposed development, including its location and technical capacity, and at Chapters 6 to Chapter 16 an explanation of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment; and
- the GIS shapefile which identifies the land for which the request for scoping opinion is made.

The DCO boundary (Red Line Boundary) provided has been developed for scoping purposes, and is subject to further design and assessment work as the DCO application is progressed. This indicative DCO boundary shown in the attached shapefile has been derived using the latest design for each scheme. For those schemes where a single route alignment is being developed, the indicative DCO boundary includes land that will be required for the scheme and an allowance of land for mitigation based on the current stage of assessment. For those schemes where alternative route alignments or significant junction options are being considered, however, the design is not sufficiently developed to determine an indicative DCO

boundary. A 250m buffer has been applied to the centre line of each of the alternative route alignments to derive an indicative DCO boundary for these schemes. This buffer has been amended only where it intersects with substantial settlements to remove the more densely populated areas from the boundary, however where properties remain within the buffer this should not be taken to mean those properties will definitely be affected by any of the alternative alignment or junction options being considered for the project.

For the purpose of your duties under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017, the name and address of the Applicant (Highways England) for the Development are:

**[REDACTED] (Project Director - A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project)**  
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Yours sincerely

**[REDACTED]**

Project Director  
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## 2 Acknowledgement and issue of scoping opinion



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Our Ref: TR010062-000006-210723

Date: 23 July 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10**

**Proposed application by Highways England (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project (the Proposed Development)**

**Issue of Scoping Opinion and list of the consultation bodies notified by the Secretary of State**

Thank you for your letter received on 11 June 2021 requesting a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations and for the Scoping Report entitled PCF Stage 3 Environmental Scoping Report.

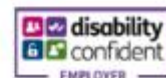
In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has:

- consulted the consultation bodies;
- taken account of the consultation responses received within the prescribed time period; and
- taken account of the specific characteristics of the Proposed Development as described by the Applicant and the environmental features likely to be affected by the Proposed Development.

The attached document entitled 'Scoping Opinion - Proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project' and dated July 2021 is the SoS's written opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be submitted with an application for development consent. It should be read in conjunction with your EIA Scoping Report.

All consultation responses received up to and including 12 July 2021 from the consultation bodies have been appended to and form part of the Scoping Opinion.

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Further consultation responses have been received by the Planning Inspectorate following the end of the statutory deadline. These have also been enclosed for your consideration. Any further late consultation responses the Planning Inspectorate receives will be forwarded to you for your consideration and made available via our website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/?ipcsection=docs>.

Under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is required to notify the Applicant of the list of consultation bodies notified in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate has notified these consultation bodies that the Applicant intends to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. They have also been informed of their duty under Regulation 11(3) to enter into consultation with the Applicant regarding preparation of the ES, if requested. Please find this list enclosed.

To clarify, the Planning Inspectorate has not identified any persons under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations, who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their consultation fully accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and associated regulations and guidance. The enclosed list has been compiled by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS in its duty to notify the consultees in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a) and, whilst it can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



**Senior EIA Advisor**  
on behalf of the Secretary of State

Enclosed:

- Secretary of State Scoping Opinion - Proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project July 2021
- Unredacted version of Appendix 2 to the Scoping Opinion
- Regulation 11 Notification List

Late consultation responses from:

- Network Rail
- Northumberland County Council
- North York Moors National Park Authority

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